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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:)

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Serial No.: 08/761,336)

Filed: December 10, 1996)

For: RECORDING MEDIA HAVING
PROTECTIVE OVERCOATS OF
HIGHLY TETRAHEDRAL
AMORPHOUS CARBON AND
METHODS FOR THEIR
PRODUCTION)

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed April 27, 1998, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1 and 39, and please cancel claim 38, as follows. All claims, as amended, are set forth for convenient reference.

1. (Twice Amended) A method for producing magnetic recording media, the method comprising:
forming a magnetic layer over a substrate;
supporting the substrate in a deposition chamber;
ionizing a source material in a plasma chamber so as to form a plasma containing ions which comprise carbon; and

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